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Applicant: Robert F. Friedman

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Filed: October 26, 2001 Examiner: not yet assigned

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMBINING MULTIPLE SATELLITE CHANNELS INTO A VIRTUAL COMPOSITE CHANNEL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the patent application enclosed herewith, Applicant requests that the Examiner make the following changes to the Application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 5, after the word "is", insert --a continuation of Application No. 09/438,865 filed Nov. 12, 1999, which is--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5 - 8, 13 - 17, 24 - 33, and 35 - 36.